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In re Patent Application of:
Satoshi Mizutani, et al.

Application No.: 09/940,711

Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: N. Torres Velazquez

For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING FIBROUS
LAYER ON SURFACE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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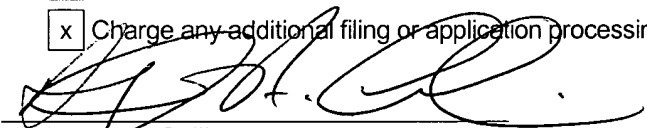
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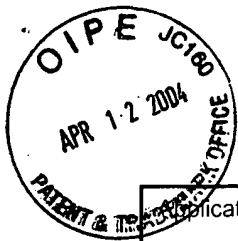
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